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**VIA ECFS**

June 29, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 Office of the Secretary  
 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**  
**WC Docket No. 14-58 - ETC Annual Reports and Certifications**

Request that Information Submitted to the Commission be Withheld from Public Inspection Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4): Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report included in FCC Form 481

Confidential Information – Subject to Protective Order Before the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Ducor Telephone Company (the Company), Study Area Code 542313 is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket No. 14-58. *The version of the Company's FCC Form 481 submitted via ECFS is a redacted version of the filing that contains no confidential information.*

The Company, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of two attachments to its FCC Form 481: (1) the five-year service quality improvement plan progress report and (2) the financial annual report, both of which were redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the five-year plan progress report is being made pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The request for confidential treatment of the financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's March 22,

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2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58. These attachments contain competitively sensitive data that Ducor Telephone Company maintains as confidential and does not normally make available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.

## **Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report**

Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of FOIA, Ducor Telephone Company requests that the text and data extracted from its five-year service quality improvement plan progress report be withheld from public inspection because it contains competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that the Company maintains as confidential. Public availability of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.

In accordance with Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the following information is provided in support of this request:

### (1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Attachment to Line 112 of FCC Form 481 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report. Specifically, confidential treatment is sought for all information in the five-year plan progress report related to the Company's access line counts, existing broadband capabilities, and current and planned financial investments in its network that will improve service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity for its customers.

### (2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

The information was submitted in WC Docket No. 14-58 as an attachment to FCC Form 481- the Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Section 100 of FCC Form 481 requires incumbent local exchange carriers receiving high cost support to attach a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1).

### (3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The five-year service quality improvement plan progress report contains granular information on the Company's access line counts and/or existing broadband capabilities as well as recent and planned capital investments in its network to improve service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity. It also contains a

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map of the Company's service area detailing progress toward meeting broadband deployment targets at the wire center level. This is closely guarded, privileged information that the Company does not make publicly available.

- (4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Broadband is subject to increasing competition in the areas served by rural, rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (RLECs). Virtually all RLECs face competition from one or more wireless Internet service providers. Most RLECs also face competition from at least one other wireline broadband provider, such as a larger cable company, who will typically seek to "cherry pick" the lower cost portions of the study area. In addition, all RLECs face competition throughout their territories from satellite broadband providers.

- (5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the information contained in the five-year plan progress report would provide competitors with detailed, granular information regarding the Company's access line count, its existing broadband capabilities, and its recent and planned network investments that improve service quality, coverage, and/or capacity for subscribers. This would give competitors valuable confidential information with which to develop their own strategies for investing in the service area, thereby bringing substantial competitive harm to the Company.

- (6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

The Company has continually treated the extracted information in its five-year plan progress report as confidential and carefully controls the information to protect it from competitors. Access to the information is limited to employees that require it and to non-employees with confidentiality obligations such as lenders, consultants, auditors, and attorneys. In addition, when such information is required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority it has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public.

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- (7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The redacted information in the five-year plan progress report is not available to the public, and third-party access is limited as described in (6) above.

- (8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

The Company requests that the extracted information be withheld from public inspection indefinitely. The information in the five-year plan progress report details the Company's most recent network upgrades in relation to its previously submitted service quality improvement plan. It may also contain upcoming planned network improvements during the five-year period ending 2019. This information would provide a very useful baseline for competitors for several years beyond that period.

- (9) Any other information that the party seeking confidential information treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

Exemption 4 of FOIA shields from public disclosure commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Based on the responses provided above, the information in question satisfies this test.

### **Financial Annual Report**

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires a privately-held rate-of-return carrier receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Ducor Telephone Company seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the March 22, 2016 *Protective Order* in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58.<sup>1</sup> The *Protective Order* specifically covers information filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

Ducor Telephone Company is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

Each page of the five-year service quality improvement plan progress report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 (rel. Mar. 22, 2016).

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Each page of the financial annual report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

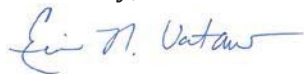
The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as attachments to the FCC Form 481.

In the filing submitted via ECFS, all pages containing confidential information bear the legend "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric M. Votaw".

Eric Votaw, Senior Manager for  
Moss Adams LLP

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Enclosures

cc: Carol Rodriguez, Ducor Telephone Company

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form****REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	542313
<015>	Study Area Name	DUCOR TELEPHONE CO
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Eric N. Voaw
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2099556116 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	eric.votaw@mossadams.com
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	
FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	<input type="radio"/> (yes / no ) <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	<input type="radio"/> (yes / no ) <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

542313CA112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	<input type="radio"/> Not Applicable

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210 For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

No



<b>(300) Unfulfilled Service Request Data Collection Form</b>		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)	0
<310> Detail on attempts (voice)	Name of Attached Document
<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	0
<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)	Name of Attached Document

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules  
Data Collection Form

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	542313CA510.pdf

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	542313CA610.pdf

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.



(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 542313CA1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

No

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting</b>	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>	
FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	

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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	<div>Yes</div>
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<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	<div></div>
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<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b>		FCC Form 481	
<b>Lifeline</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		July 2013	
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		542313CA1210.pdf	
<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	Name of Attached Document	
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	
"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:			
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
<i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>		July 2013

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

### Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1

2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1

2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(iii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

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## (2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017B&gt; Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

&lt;2018&gt; Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(iii)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

&lt;2019&gt; Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

&lt;2020&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

&lt;2021&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

&lt;2026&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

&lt;2027&gt; Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	542313CA3010.pdf
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	542313CA3017.pdf
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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- Financial Data Summary
- (3027) Revenue
  - (3028) Operating Expenses
  - (3029) Net Income
  - (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
  - (3031) Total Assets
  - (3032) Total Debt
  - (3033) Total Equity
  - (3034) Dividends

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**4005 Rural Broadband Experiment**

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

**Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)**

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

**Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)**

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

**If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.**

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)**

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Moss Adams, LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	<u>Moss Adams, LLP</u>
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>DUCOR TELEPHONE CO</u>
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	<u>Carol Rodriguez</u>
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	<u>Secretary</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	<u>6618347700 ext.</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>542313</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u>
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>DUCOR TELEPHONE CO</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	<u>Moss Adams, LLP</u>
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date: <u>06/29/2016</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	<u>Eric N. Votaw</u>
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	<u>Senior Manager</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>2099556116 ext.</u>
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## Attachments

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LINE 112 – Five Year Service Quality Improvement Progress Report

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Response Line 510  
Ducor Telephone Company  
Study Area 542313

**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Ducor Telephone Company (“DTC”) is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. DTC provides CPNI training to all of its new employees and in addition trains all of its existing employees on an annual basis. Ducor also conducts subscriber outreach regarding CPNI by periodically placing CPNI explanation messages onto its website at [www.ducortelephone.com](http://www.ducortelephone.com), which informs subscribers about CPNI rules and other applicable customer rights and obligations. In addition DTC, trains staff on Red Flag issues on an annual basis. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules.

DTC also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which DTC offers service in its Local Exchange Tariff. The tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. DTC keeps its tariffs available for public inspection at its business offices.

**Broadband Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Ducor Telephone Company (“DTC”) is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. DTC provides access to broadband services in compliance with applicable federal rules and regulations. DTC does not provide direct broadband service to its subscribers but does offer access to broadband to Internet Service Providers.

DTC also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which DTC offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers (“ISP”). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA’s website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

Response Line 610  
Ducor Telephone Company  
Study Area 542313

Functionality in Emergency Situations:

**Voice Network**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) and 47 C.F.R § 54.22(b)(4) as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) Ducor Telephone Company ("DTC") meets the requirements to remain functional in emergency situations and has the following capabilities: Back-up power is provided to DTC central by use of a fixed generator and batteries that provide it with 8 hours of emergency power. In addition, DTC field electronics have 8 to 12 hours of back-up power by use of fixed and mobile generators and batteries. DTC also has SONET technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. DTC has sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacements should there be a card failure in the core network and proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. In addition, DTC has connectivity to the neighboring exchanges to pass traffic and also has connectivity to the LATA Tandem which further provides capabilities of handling traffic. Lastly, DTC is prepared and capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has developed procedures for employees to follow during emergency situations.

**Broadband Network**

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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Response to Line 1010  
Ducor Telephone Company  
Study Area 542313

Voice Services Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10 ) Ducor Telephone Company (“DTC”) is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$41.07 as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362 issued on April 5, 2016 DTC’s current total local end-user rate<sup>1</sup> of:

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Rate Explanation</u>
Ducor	\$21.67(which includes a local fee of \$20.25, mandated state fees of \$.07 and mandatory extended area service charges of \$1.35)
Kennedy Meadows	\$20.32 (which includes a local fee of \$20.25 and mandated state fees of \$.07)
Rancho Tehama	\$20.32 (which includes a local fee of \$20.25 and mandated state fees of \$.07)

None of the DTC exchanges are above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC transformation Order.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

<sup>2</sup> USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) “The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average.”

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UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to eligible residence customers for Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) a.k.a. California LifeLine Program or LifeLine furnished pursuant to the Moore Universal Telephone Service Act and in accordance with General Order 153. The Utility as listed throughout this Schedule is identified as the California LifeLine Service Provider in GO 153.

TERRITORY

Within the exchange areas, as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

RATES AND CHARGES

	<u>Rate per Month</u>	(T)
(1) Local Exchange Service:		
a. Extended Area Service (EAS)		
1. Ducor exchange:		
(a) Individual access line		
1. Local Flat Rate Service	\$20.25	
2. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge	6.50	(N)
3. EAS Increment	1.35	(T)
4. Federal Lifeline Credit	9.25	(C)
5. California Specific Support Credit (includes 67 cent EAS support)	<u>12.06</u>	(I)
6. California LifeLine Flat Rate Service	\$6.79	(T)
b. Flat Rate Exchange Service		
1. Kennedy Meadows and Rancho Tehama exchanges		
(a) Individual access line		
1. Local Flat Rate Service	\$20.25	
2. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge	6.50	(N)
3. Federal Lifeline Credit	9.25	(C)(T)
4. California Specific Support Credit	<u>11.39</u>	(I)
5. California LifeLine Flat Rate Service	\$6.11	(T)
		(D)
		(D)

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RATES AND CHARGES - (Continued)

Service Charge

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(2) Service Connection Charges:  
(See Special Conditions 5)

a. Each New Service Order for Initial Install:

1. New Service Order Charge	\$23.50	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	<u>25.50</u>	
	49.00	
3. Federal Link Up Credit	0.00	(R)
4. California LifeLine Credit	<u>39.00</u>	(I)
5. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

b. Each Subsequent New Service Order:

1. New Service Order Charge	\$23.50	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	<u>25.50</u>	
	49.00	
3. California LifeLine Credit	<u>39.00</u>	
4. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

c. Each Non-Payment Reconnect Charge:

1. Restoral Charge	\$40.00	
2. California LifeLine Credit	<u>30.00</u>	
3. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

d. Each change to convert to ULTS:

1. Change Charge	\$11.50	
2. California LifeLine Credit	<u>1.50</u>	
3. California LifeLine Service Conversion Charge	\$10.00	

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	<u>Rate or Charge</u>	
(3) End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge (covered in federal lifeline credit)	No Charge	(T) (N)
(4) Toll Blocking (Also called toll restriction. See Schedule No. A-5)	No Charge	
(5) Surcharges	No Charge	
ULTS Rates (1) and (2) are exempt from California High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A) surcharge, California High Cost Fund B (CHCF-B) Surcharge, California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) surcharge, California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) surcharge, California Relay Service Communications Device Fund (DDTP) surcharge, the California LifeLine (ULTS) surcharge, and the CPUC User Fee.		
(6) Deposits (see Special Conditions 7)		
a. A deposit is not required to establish or reestablish credit for basic service for ULTS customers.		
b. A deposit may be required to maintain basic service if the Utility discovers the customer no longer qualifies for ULTS.		
c. A deposit may be required for non-basic service(s).		
d. If it is determined that false information has been provided, correct information plus a deposit for non-basic service(s) will be required.		
* The difference between the rates and charges in this Schedule and the regular tariffed rates and charges is recovered from the California ULTS Fund, federal Lifeline program, and/or federal Link Up program.		

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS:

- a. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- (1) The residence at which the service is requested is the subscriber's principal place of residence. An applicant for ULTS may report only one address in this state as his/her principal place of residence. (T)  
(N)  
(N)

The residence premises household (dwelling unit) shall consist of that portion of an individual house or building or one flat or apartment occupied entirely by a single family or individuals functioning as one domestic establishment.

The room or portion of a dwelling unit occupied exclusively by an individual not sharing equally as a member of the domestic establishment may be considered a separate residence for the application of ULTS. (T)  
(T)

- (2) The subscriber and the members of the subscriber's household collectively have one, and only one, ULTS line, except as provided for elsewhere in this schedule. (T)

- (3) Residential customers may qualify for ULTS by meeting either the Income-Based Criteria or the Program-Based Criteria.

- (4) Income-Based Criteria:

Income-based criterion allows an applicant to enroll in ULTS if members of the applicant's household collectively earn no more than the mandated annual income limits. Total household income is defined in Rules 1. (T)  
(T)

For the current Household Income Limitations, please refer to the Pacific Bell Telephone Company's (d.b.a. AT&T California) Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A5, Universal LifeLine Telephone Service for the Income-Based Criterion.

Customers must also provide proof of their total household income. Acceptable income documents are: (T)

- (a) Prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return, (T)  
(b) Current income statement for an employee or paycheck stub for three consecutive month's worth of the same type of statements within the last 12 months, (T)  
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS: (Cont'd)

- a. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: (Cont'd)

(4) Income-Based Criteria: (Cont'd)

Customers must also provide proof of their total household income. Acceptable income documents are: (Cont'd) (T)

- (c) Statement of benefits from Social Security, Veterans Administration, retirement/pension, unemployment compensation, and/or workmen's compensation,
- (d) A divorce decree,
- (e) Child support document,
- (f) Other official documents.

Borrowed money shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program. Funds transferred from one account to another, such as from savings account to a checking account, shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program, even if such funds are used for living expenses.

- (5) No customer who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return shall be eligible for ULTS. (T)

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS: - (Cont'd)

- a. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: (Cont'd)

(6) Program-Based Criteria:

Program-based criterion allows an applicant to enroll in ULTS based on participation by the applicant or a member of the applicant's household in a means-tested programs approved by the Commission. Approved means-test programs are:

- (a) Medicaid or Medi-Cal,
- (b) Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- (c) CalFresh Program formerly called Food Stamps,
- (d) Healthy Families Category A,
- (e) Tribal TANF,
- (f) Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC),
- (g) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
- (h) Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8,
- (i) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), also known in California as: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWorks) Stanislaus Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (StanWorks) Welfare-to-Work (WTW) Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)
- (j) National School Lunch Program (NSLP),
- (k) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance,
- (l) Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only).

- (7) For self-employed members, the "income from self-employment" shown on IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, line 29 shall be used to determine eligibility for ULTS.

- (8) A subscriber shall be eligible to receive two ULTS lines if: (i) the subscriber meets all ULTS eligibility criteria set forth above; (ii) a member of the subscriber's household is a disabled member and has immediate and continuous access within the household to a TTY; and (iii) the TTY is issued by DDTP or a medical certificate indicating the household member's need for a TTY is submitted.

- (9) All ULTS rules and regulations that apply to the one ULTS line shall apply equally to the second ULTS line provided to a subscriber.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS: - (Cont'd)

- a. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: - (Cont'd)

- (10) Customers that verbally certify they meet the ULTS income limits and have proof of of income or participate in an approved public program will receive an Application Form in the mail from the California LifeLine Administrator for completion and Submission prior to being enrolled in the ULTS program. (T)  
(T)
- (11) The completed Application Form and supporting documents, if any, must be received by the California LifeLine Administrator on or before the deadline date specified in the Application Form. (T)  
(T)
- (12) Enrollment Process:
- (a) The Utility shall send a confirmation notice to all California LifeLine applicants informing them of the arrival of Application Forms from the California LifeLine Administrator and the requirement to return the completed forms with all required documentation. The notice shall also inform them that failure to return all the required documentation by the deadline date will result in denial of LifeLine service. (T)  
(T)
- (b) Customers will incur regular tariff rates and charges until the approval of their California LifeLine Application Form process is completed. (T)  
(T)
- (c) Customers will be converted to LifeLine service upon the Utility receiving confirmation of the customer's eligibility from the California LifeLine Administrator. (T)  
(T)
- (d) Customers will receive a credit on their bill for the LifeLine discounts retroactive to their application date which will appear on their next bill. The The customer may request a refund check for a net credit if the amount is over \$10.00. (T)
- (13) The Utility shall not knowingly enroll an applicant into the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria and the Utility shall not knowingly allow a subscriber to remain in the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria. (T)  
(T)
- (14) The Utility shall not link the availability of discounted phone service under the ULTS program with the sale of non-ULTS services.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - (Continued)

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS: - (Cont'd)

- a. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: - (Cont'd)

- (15) The Utility must inform the applicant that he or she may opt to receive the instructions for the Application Form in Braille (English Only) or the instructions and the Application Form in large print.
- (16) A subscriber changing his/her Utility shall not be required to undergo the Application Process, provided that the subscriber initiates California LifeLine service with his/her new Utility within 30 days of disconnecting California LifeLine service with the previous Utility and the subscriber maintains eligibility in all other respects. If a subscriber changes his or her principal place of residence, while maintaining eligibility in all other respects, the subscriber shall not be required to go through the Application Process again.
- (17) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.410(d) and 47 C.F.R. §54.410(f), Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (California LifeLine) Program applicants and participants must provide their date of birth and the last four digits of their social security number, or Tribal identification number, as part of the eligibility requirements for receiving the California LifeLine or enhanced Lifeline discounts.

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2. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to eligible customers subscribing to individual access line service.
3. ULTS includes all the service elements defined in Rule No. 1 for Basic Service.

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4. ULTS is restricted to residence local exchange service. Foreign Exchange Service and other non-ULTS services are excluded from this offering.

5. Discounted Nonrecurring Charges:

a. Initial Installation

- (1) The ULTS connection charge is applicable to each eligible household residing at the same principal place of residence. (T)
- (2) The ULTS connection charge may be applicable any time a subscriber (i) establishes ULTS, (ii) re-establishes ULTS at the same residence at which ULTS was previously provided (even when the customer was disconnected for nonpayment), (iii) establishes ULTS at a new residence, or (iv) switches ULTS from one utility to another. (T)
- (3) Utilities may not impose a "central office charge" in addition to the ULTS connection charge when installing or activating California LifeLine. (T)
- (4) Installation of a second and subsequent telephone service connections shall be subject to the Utility's regular tariffed rates for these connections, except that subscribers with a disabled household member may qualify for ULTS connection charges on two households with a disabled member may qualify for ULTS connection charges on two residential telephone connections. (T)

b. Change Charges

The ULTS conversion charge is applicable each time a ULTS subscriber requests a change in the class (business or residential to ULTS), type (this means measured to flat rate service or vice versa, which is not applicable in our territory), or grade of service (this means going from one to two party service or vice versa, which is not applicable in our territory), including requests to change from Foreign Exchange Service. There is no limit on the number of times a ULTS subscriber may pay the ULTS conversion charge to change the class, type, or grade of service. This discounted charge excludes adding services not covered under the ULTS program. No conversion charge is assessed if a LifeLine applicant fails to qualify or if a LifeLine subscriber is removed from the LifeLine program (either voluntarily or involuntarily). (T)

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6. Eligible subscribers of this service may have up to twelve months to pay the Utility for the reduced service connection charges without interest. The Utility may charge a late-payment fee when Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) subscribers fail to timely remit some or all of the ULTS connection charge under a deferred-payment schedule. (T)
7. Deposits for establishment of service from applicants for new service, as outlined in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 7, will not be required of eligible ULTS recipients. The Utility may require a ULTS customer to pay any overdue ULTS rates and charges, or make payment arrangements, before ULTS is reinstated at the same address or at a new address. The Utility may apply toll restriction to a ULTS customer's line when toll charges are not paid and optional services may be discontinued.
8. ULTS shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 11, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service. Unless the customer directs otherwise; a partial payment will be applied towards the local service non-recurring and recurring charges, and federal taxes associated with this service. (T)

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9. Applicants who wish to re-establish ULTS service after removal from the program will be treated as a new applicant, subject to the Application Process and G.O. 153 rules, and a Service Conversion Charge as shown in Rates (2) above (once the applicant has successfully re-established ULTS service). The ULTS discount will be effective on the Application Date and will not be applied retroactively to the prior enrollment period. (T)
10. The California LifeLine Administrator will qualify new ULTS customers and verify the continued eligibility of existing ULTS customers. (T)
11. Subscribers must notify the Utility of a change in any condition which occurs that would cause the household to no longer qualify for the service or a second ULTS line. Upon receipt of notification, the Utility will change the service to regular tariffed rates for the service furnished. Service connection charges will not apply to the change in service. (T)

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11. (Continued)

The three-month limitation to back bill, as set forth in Rule No. 9, is not applicable to the recurring and nonrecurring charges.

12. Each Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) customer is subject to the annual renewal process. (T)

13. The Utility will annually mail a notification of availability of ULTS to all its residential customers. (T)

14. In addition to the rates and conditions specified herein, all rules, regulations, charges, and rates in conjunction with the services furnished elsewhere in the tariffs are also applicable to the service provided under this schedule.

15. Optional services and equipment are not included in ULTS rates, but will be provided to ULTS customers at applicable tariffed rates and charges. Non-ULTS lines will be available to ULTS customers at the applicable regular tariffed rates and charges.

16. ULTS rates shall be applied to each monthly statement for the months this service is furnished and shall apply only for the duration of this service.

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18. Definitions covered under the California LifeLine Program and words used throughout this Schedule are defined in GO153.

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#### Milestone Certification

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) Ducor Telephone Company (“Ducor”) provides this certification that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. Details for how Ducor is meeting its obligations for its goals and required obligations are specified within the FCC Form 481 annual filing.



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